

THANKING STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR TORNADO RESPONSE

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to again thank all of the agencies, both State and Federal, that have responded to the devastation caused by the April 16 tornados in my district in eastern North Carolina. Their response has been effective, and we are on the road to recovery.

I also thank President Obama for his quick response in issuing his Presidential declaration declaring these areas a disaster. One of my constituents called it Obamacare. I choose to call it Presidential leadership.

As we go back to our districts today, I urge my colleagues to listen to the demands of the American people that we work together in a bipartisan manner to meet the great challenges of our day. We will never get the Federal budget in balance until Democratic and Republican leaders sit together, reconcile their differences, and take bold steps.

I urge my colleagues to stop telling their constituents that we will balance the budget by simply cutting non-defense discretionary spending. That is doing a disservice to your constituents and to mine.

Please have a productive work period. Let's return on May 23 and begin that process.

RECOGNIZING RHODE ISLAND'S KATHLEEN DEVLIN AND JAMES SILVESTRI

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rhode Island's Small Business Person of the Year, Kathleen Devlin, who owns and operates All About Home Care in Middletown, Rhode Island.

The company provides seniors with the opportunity to live at home in their golden years and offers additional assistance for people who have moved to an assisted living residence or a nursing home.

All About Home Care deserves the national recognition, because not only are they putting people back to work and growing their operations, but they are helping our seniors in Middletown, Newport, and Bristol live independently at the same time.

I also congratulate Rhode Island business owner James Silvestri, the recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2011 Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery.

Mr. Silvestri was recognized for his efforts to rebuild his business while helping his economy recover as a volunteer firefighter following the April 2010 floods in Rhode Island.

I commend these small business owners for their great contributions to

Rhode Island's economy and am pleased to join the U.S. Small Business Administration in honoring their work.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 754.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 264 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 754.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with Mr. BISHOP of Utah (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, May 12, 2011, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 112-75, offered by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CARNEY), had been postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MR. REED

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 9 printed in House Report 112-75.

Mr. REED. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

TITLE V—HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE MISSION THAT KILLED OSAMA BIN LADEN ON MAY 1, 2011

SEC. 501. HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE MISSION THAT KILLED OSAMA BIN LADEN ON MAY 1, 2011.

Congress—

(1) commends the men and women of the intelligence community for the tremendous commitment, perseverance, professionalism, and sacrifice they displayed in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice;

(2) commends the men and women of the intelligence community for committing

themselves to defeating, disrupting, and dismantling al Qaeda; and

(3) reaffirms its commitment to using the capabilities and skills of the intelligence community to—

(A) disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al Qaeda and affiliated organizations around the world that threaten the national security of the United States;

(B) eliminate safe havens for terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

(C) bring terrorists to justice.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 264, the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED) and a Member opposed each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

Mr. REED. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to join with my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRIMM), to offer an amendment honoring the brave members of the intelligence community for their role in the mission that killed Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011.

As we all know, Osama bin Laden was killed on May 1 by members of the SEAL team 6. The heroics of this SEAL team have been well documented in the press over the past weeks, but the work of other professionals in the intelligence community is less well known and has received less attention.

Bringing Osama bin Laden to justice was the result of over 10 years of hard work and dedication. This historic operation was truly a team effort and an achievement shared by members of every intelligence agency and our entire Armed Forces.

The diligent, painstaking work of our intelligence services made possible the recent successful action carried out by our military against Osama bin Laden. For this reason, Mr. GRIMM and I feel the intelligence community is also deserving of recognition as a whole. They worked long hours in distant parts of the world, far from their families, far from their friends, to keep our country safe.

When the members of the American intelligence community do their job, no one really knows about it. They are silent warriors who keep us safe. They are deserving of our deepest gratitude.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment does exactly that. It commends our intelligence community for a job well done in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice. Thanks to the diligence of these intelligence professionals, the world is a safer place without Osama bin Laden.

Mr. Chairman, even though Osama bin Laden has been brought to justice, the war on terror is not over. This amendment commends the men and women of the intelligence community for committing themselves to defeating, disrupting, and dismantling al Qaeda and all terrorist organizations that will do harm to our great Nation.

This amendment also reaffirms our commitment to using the capabilities and skills of the intelligence community to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat terrorism once and for all from the face of this earth.